

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 110 West Aztec Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackie McKinney.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor: Jackie McKinney

Councilors: Linda Garcia
Allan Landavazo
Yogash Kumar
Cecil Garcia

Also present: Maryann Ustick, City Manager
George Kozeliski, City Attorney

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2015.

Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve the aforementioned Minutes. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Linda Garcia, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

The Mayor and Councilors presented a Commendation and a Certificate of Retirement to Francis Yazzie, Electric Lineman, honoring him for 13 years of service to the City of Gallup.

The Mayor and Councilors presented a Proclamation to representatives from the Sexual Assault Services of Northwest New Mexico. The Proclamation declared Tuesday, January 27, 2015 as "Start by Believing Day" in the City of Gallup. Eleana Butler, Executive Director of the Sexual Assault Services of Northwest New Mexico provided an overview of the "Start by Believing" campaign which educates the public about believing the victims of sexual assault, which are most likely to be their friends or family members. By believing the victims of sexual assault, it enables the victims to access resources which will help them to move forward in their lives.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the following Discussion/Action Topics:

1. Resolution No. R2015-4; A Resolution Adopting and Approving the Transfer of Real Property From the City of Gallup to the State of New Mexico for the Establishment of a National Veterans Cemetery – George Kozeliski, City Attorney

Mr. Kozeliski said the Mayor and Councilors previously approved the proposed transfer

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of 3.5 acres of land at Hillcrest Cemetery to the State of New Mexico for the establishment of a National Veterans Cemetery. The City was advised a couple of weeks ago that it would need to transfer at least 13 acres of land to the State for the National Veterans Cemetery, which cannot be accomplished at the proposed site at Hillcrest Cemetery. As a solution, Mr. Kozeliski recommended the transfer of more than 15 acres of land located between Interstate 40 and Hasler Valley Road from the City to the State for establishment of a National Veterans Cemetery. He recommended approval of Resolution No. R2015-4 and the Real Property Donation Agreement between the City and the State.

Discussion followed concerning the federal requirements for the establishment of the National Veterans Cemetery; the federal funds to be used in building the new Cemetery which will be the State's responsibility to maintain; the positive reaction of local veterans concerning the change of location for the new Cemetery; and the approximate date for the opening of the Cemetery in 2016.

Following discussion, Councilor Kumar made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2015-4. Seconded by Councilor Cecil Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Kumar, Cecil Garcia, Landavazo, Linda Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

2. Appointment of Precinct Officials for the March 10, 2015 Regular Municipal Election – Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Mr. Abeita presented the names of qualified electors of the City to serve as precinct officials for the upcoming election. The proposed precinct officials are experienced individuals that have worked various elections in the past and will be required to attend election training which is tentatively scheduled for March 4, 2015. The total costs for the compensation of precinct officials will be \$8,780.

Councilor Cecil Garcia asked if the Director of the McKinley County Bureau of Elections, who is the spouse of a candidate for District #4 Councilor, would be involved in the City election. Mr. Abeita said the Bureau of Elections Director will not be involved in the City election. Mr. Abeita also said the City plans to utilize voting machines from an outside vendor for the election rather than utilizing the voting machines from the County.

Following discussion, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the appointment of precinct officials for the March 10, 2015 Regular Municipal Election as presented. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Linda Garcia, Kumar, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

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3. Resolution No. R2015-5; 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Budget Adjustments and Report of Actuals – Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Holland presented the proposed Resolution which encompasses all budget changes processed October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. She provided an overview of the budget adjustments as well as the Report of Actuals for the quarter.

Discussion followed concerning the investments of \$8.7 million listed under the Environmental Gross Receipts Tax Fund; the cash balance in the Recreation Fund; and the forthcoming financial report to be prepared by fund and department which will reflect the actual cash balances and the funds that are committed.

Following discussion, Councilor Linda Garcia made the motion to approve Resolution No. R2015-5. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Linda Garcia, Kumar, Landavazo, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

4. Budget Adjustment for the Operation and Maintenance of the Harold Runnels Athletic Complex – Patty Holland, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Holland said the renovation of the Harold Runnels Athletic Complex will be completed and ready to open to the public in the upcoming weeks. She presented the proposed operating budget for the Harold Runnels Athletic Complex in the amount of \$100,000.

Ms. Ustick said City staff is proposing a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Harold Runnels Athletic Complex to be held on Monday, February 23, 2015 as the facility may be opened to the public at an earlier date. Currently, there is a delay in obtaining the curtain for the facility which will be used to protect the walking track area.

Discussion followed concerning the additional duties given to Vince Alonzo, Parks and Recreation Director; the improvements that were made to the Harold Runnels Athletic Complex to provide multiple avenues for exercise and fitness opportunities for all ages of the public; the excessive cost of over \$1 million to the City if it were to make repairs and improve the swimming pool; the future use and current condition of the soccer fields near the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and the tentative hours of operation for the Harold Runnels Athletic Complex once it reopens.

Following discussion, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to approve the budget adjustment for the operation and maintenance of the Harold Runnels Athletic Complex. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Linda Garcia, Kumar, Cecil Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

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5. Identification of Streets for the City's Curb and Gutter Replacement Program – Stan Henderson, Public Works Director

Ms. Ustick said the Mayor and Councilors approved the allocation of \$250,000 at the last regular meeting from the Environmental Surcharge Fund for the City's Curb and Gutter Replacement Program for FY 2015. As the City works on its 5-year capital plan, the Mayor and Councilors are considering an annual allocation of \$500,000 from the Environmental Surcharge Fund for the program. In accordance with the Mayor and Councilors' request at the last regular meeting, a preliminary assessment of the City's collector streets has been conducted. Staff does not have a specific recommendation regarding this matter; however, Ms. Ustick asked Mr. Henderson to offer his recommendation for the identification of streets for curb and gutter replacement for this fiscal year.

Mr. Henderson provided a spreadsheet and five maps of the city which identify the areas where deteriorated curb and gutter exist and the areas where there are no existing curb and gutter. A copy of the spreadsheet and maps are attached hereto, marked as "Exhibit A" and made a part of these official Minutes. Mr. Henderson also said that the needs identified in the presentation material are subjective and there is no worst street for priority ranking. For this year's curb and gutter replacement program, Mr. Henderson recommended beginning with Country Club Drive since the majority of the street in length was recently excavated to replace a water line. As a result of the utility project, the Public Works Department is planning to mill and overlay Country Club Drive this year and the replacement of curb and gutter would complement the project. Mr. Henderson provided an overview of the remaining curb and gutter replacement needs throughout the city, including Ciniza Drive in the Indian Hills area and West Green Avenue in the Chihuahuita area.

Discussion followed concerning the unknown costs for reconstructing drive pads and maintaining the proper grade for drainage control; consideration of the proposed 5-year capital plan prior to proceeding with the replacement of curb and gutter on Country Club Drive to ensure that all other potential needs for Country Club Drive have been addressed; the need to coordinate projects by all City departments to address the needs below and above the surface on City streets; consideration for the replacement and installation of curb and gutter to be done in each district on a rotation basis; consideration for a two-fold approach by proceeding with the curb and gutter replacement program and at the same time, considering a 5-year program to address the needs of the City as a whole; and Mr. Henderson's recommendation to replace the curb and gutter beginning at Red Rock Drive and Country Club Drive and to proceed north on County Club Drive to Philipina Avenue.

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Following discussion, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to proceed with the replacement of curb and gutter on Country Club Drive beginning at Red Rock Drive and to proceed north on Country Club Drive as far as the allocated funds will cover; and to anticipate a 5-year plan to consider the remaining priorities in the city. Seconded by Councilor Kumar. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Kumar, Linda Garcia, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

Mayor McKinney instructed Mr. Henderson to report back to the Council information pertaining to the cost of the project once the project cost is known.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

Gerald O'Hara provided comments about the Cibola County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast he recently attended and his experience with his insurance company and a local recovery business when his house flooded during the Christmas holidays. Mr. O'Hara commended the Mayor and Councilors for their civility, orderliness, and respect towards one another during their meetings. Since his insurance company was unaware a reputable recovery business existed in Gallup, Mr. O'Hara asked if there was a way to publicize all of the business resources that are available in the community. Discussion followed concerning ideas and possible solutions to Mr. O'Hara's inquiry.

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors

Councilor Linda Garcia congratulated Lt. Franklin Boyd of the Gallup Police Department on his recent promotion.

Councilor Kumar said he looks forward to the construction of the new National Veterans Cemetery will enhance the appearance of the community.

Councilor Landavazo provided comments about his recent business trip and the amount of the gross receipts tax that was charged in two cities in Arizona which was close to 11%. With Gallup's gross receipts tax at 8.3125%, he encouraged Gallup residents to stay home and to spend their money in Gallup. He reminded everyone to buy, believe and build Gallup.

Councilor Cecil Garcia said he was approached by a City employee regarding safety incentive pay for non-union and union employees. He asked for information regarding the issue. Ms. Ustick said contract negotiations have been initiated and the issue of safety incentive pay for union members may be discussed during negotiations.

Mayor McKinney commended on the current 60-day Session of the New Mexico Legislature and McKinley County/Gallup Day which will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2015. There will be eight people from Gallup who will be honored on McKinley

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County/Gallup Day at the Legislature.

Comments from City Manager

Ms. Ustick said there was a water line break at Aztec Avenue and Williams Street. She said the repairs have been made and streets will be reopened tomorrow. Ms. Ustick also said the infrastructure for the City's odor control program is in place and chemicals will be injected into the City's sewer system next week. The City conducted its first community meeting on recycling last week in Councilor Linda Garcia's district. Councilor Landavazo said Councilor Cecil Garcia's meeting on recycling will take place at Tobe Turpen Elementary School on February 26, 2015 and the recycling meeting for District 2 will take place on March 3, 2015 at the Eastside Fire Station.

There being no further business, Councilor Landavazo made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Linda Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Landavazo, Linda Garcia, Kumar, Cecil Garcia, and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.


Jackie McKinney, Mayor

ATTEST:


Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk

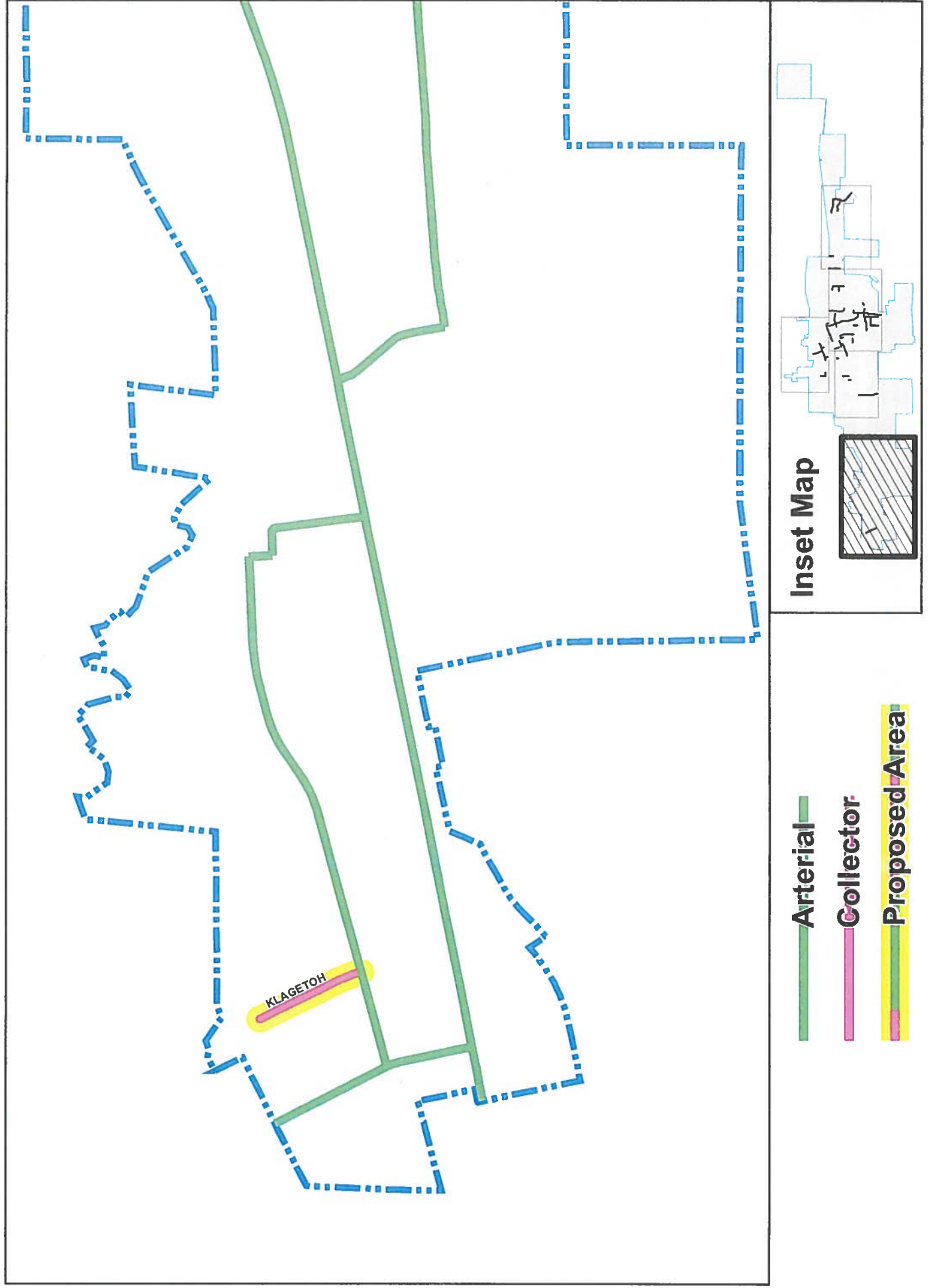
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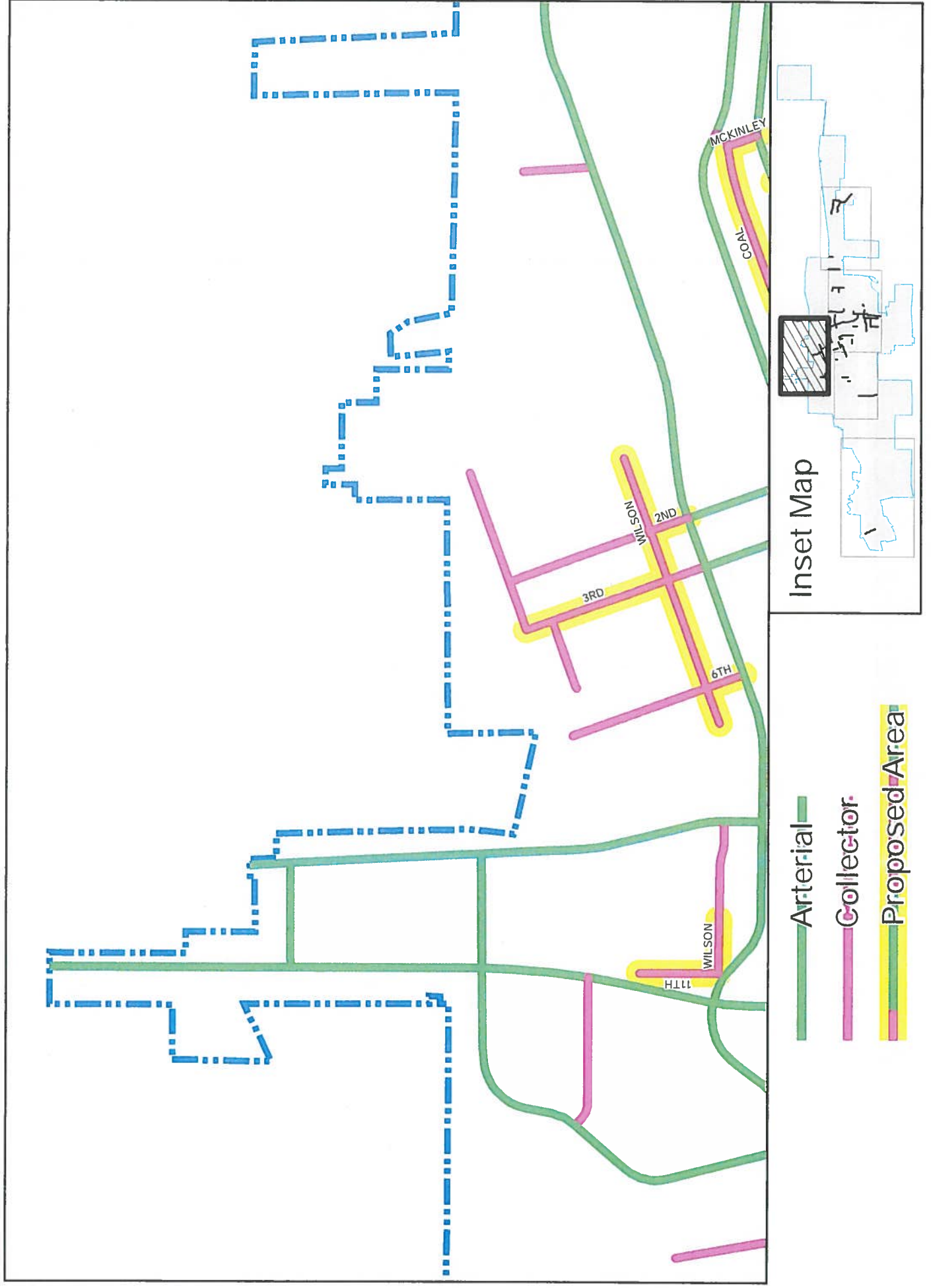
Proposed City Curb and Gutter Replacement

Street Location	Begin Repair	End Repair	Approx. Blocks
11th Street	Wilson Ave.	Lincoln Ave	Entire Length
1st Street	Logan Avenue	Green Avenue	1
2nd Street	Maloney Ave.	Wilson Ave.	1
3rd Street	Wilson Ave.	Jefferson Ave.	4
4th Street	Coal Avenue	Hill Avenue	2
6th Street	Maloney Ave.	Wilson Ave.	1
8th Street	Hwy 66	Coal Ave.	1
Arnold Street	Aztec Ave.	Hwy 66	1
Burke Drive	Aztec Ave.	Sunset Drive	5
Cactus Road	Mesquite Drive	Helena Drive	3
Canoncito Avenue	Culdesac	Helena Drive	Entire Length
Church Rock Street	Toltec Drive	Vandenbosch Parkway	Entire Length
Ciniza Drive	Sandstone Place	Vandenbosch Parkway	1
Clark Street	Aztec Ave.	Viro Circle	1
Coal Avenue	1st Street	McKinley Dr.	7
Country Club Dr.	Aztec Ave.	Red Rock Drive	Entire Length
Green Avenue	8th Street	3rd Street	5
Green Avenue	Woodrow Drive	Ford Drive	6
Helena Drive	Susan Drive	Nizhoni Blvd.	Entire Length
Kit Carson Drive	Philipina Ave.	Sage Avenue	1
Klagetoh St.	Sanostee Dr.	Manuelito Ave.	4
Mark Avenue	Valentina Drive	Estimate Length	1
McKinley Dr.	Aztec Ave.	Coal Ave.	1
Mesa Avenue	3rd Street	2nd Street	1
Mesquite Drive	Nizhoni Blvd.	Cactus Drive	3
Mossman Avenue	Mollica Drive	Valentina Drive	1
Park Avenue	3rd Street	2nd Street	1
Patton Drive	Hwy 66	Aztec Avenue	1
Plateau Drive	Susan Drive	Yei Avenue	1
Puerco Drive	Green Avenue	Philipina Ave.	6
Red Rock Drive	Ridgecrest Avenue	Hospital Drive	Entire Length
Ridgecrest Avenue	Red Rock Drive	Henrietta Drive	1
Stagecoach Rd.	Aztec Ave.	Freedom Dr.	Entire Length
Susan Avenue	Helena Drive	Linda Drive	3
Valentina Drive	Mossman Avenue	Boyd Avenue	4
Williams Street	Boyd Avenue	Hwy 66	Entire Length
Wilson Ave.	11th Street	10th Street	1
Wilson Ave.	7th Street	Puerco Drive	7

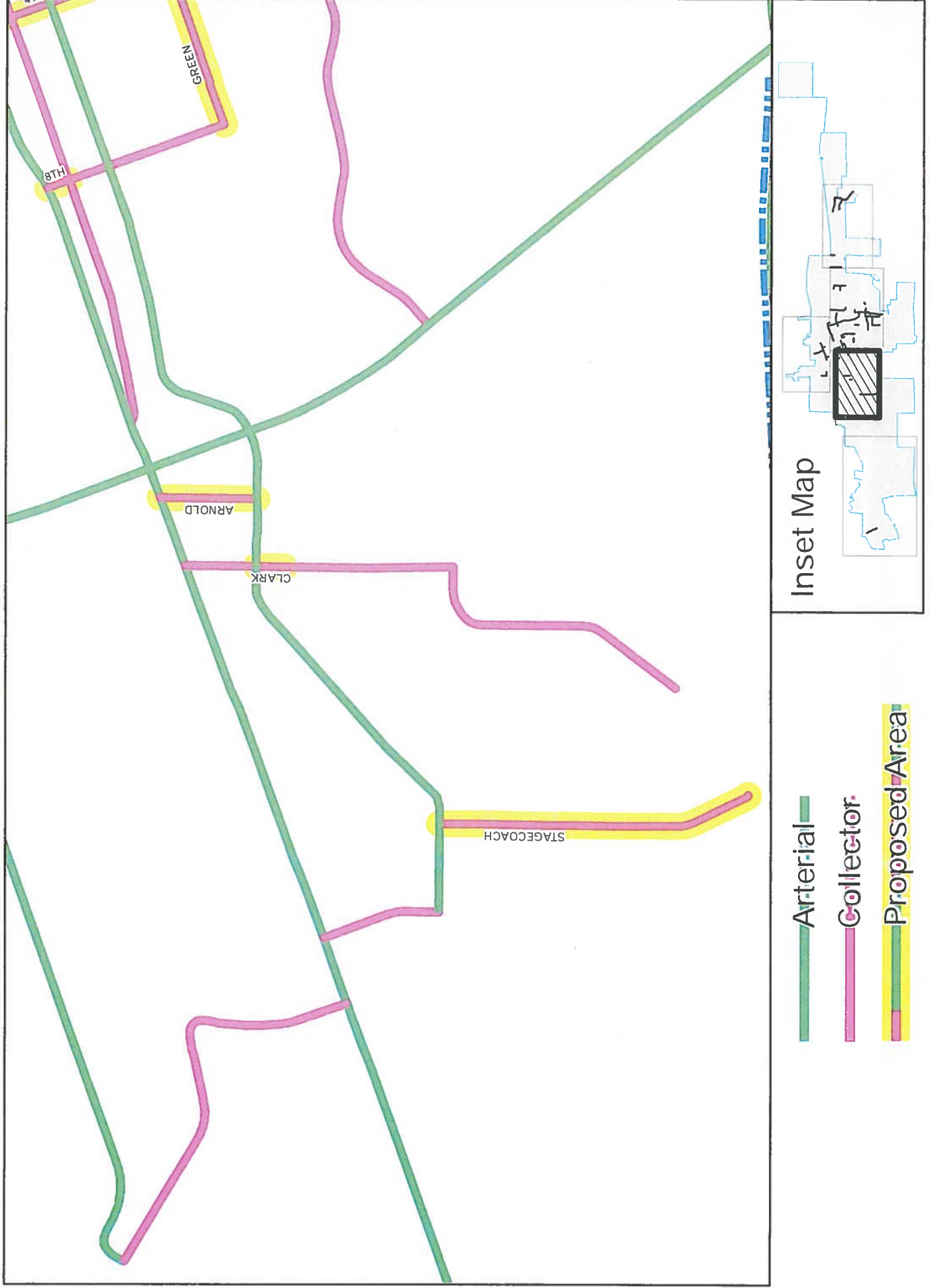
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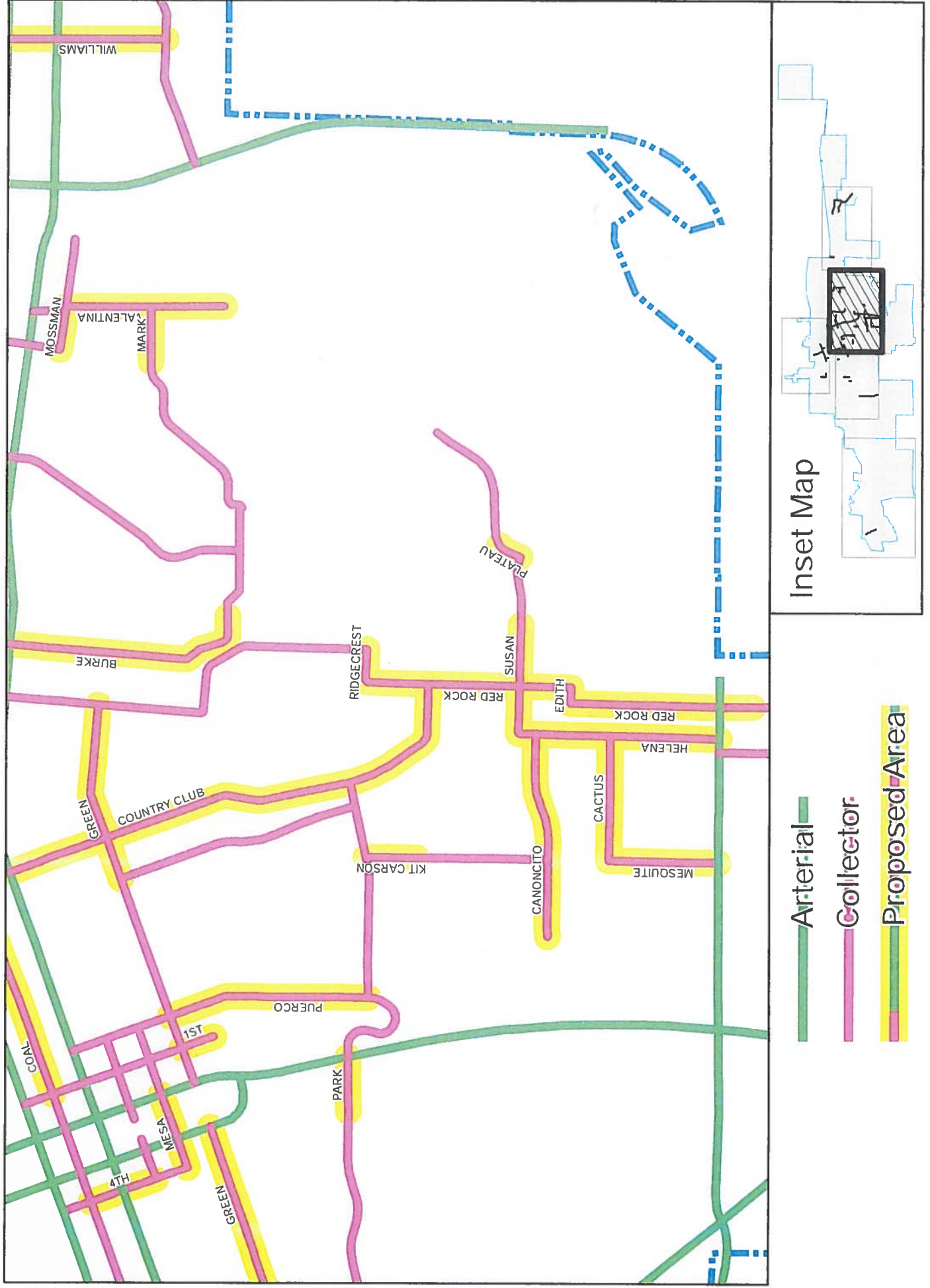
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